31. Issue of tiger farming and trafficking to tiger body parts discussed at the level of Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment and Forests with the Chinese Authorities.

32. Action taken for amending the Wildlife (Protection) Act to ensure effective conservation.

33. Initiatives taken for improving the field delivery through capacity building of field officials, apart from providing incentives.

34. Decision taken to host the World Tiger Summit in October-November, 2010.

Environmental clearance to SEZ developers from Gujarat

1869. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for environmental clearance to SEZ developers from Gujarat and the number of applications cleared, so far; and

(b) by when the remaining applications would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) This Ministry has received 7 applications for approval of Terms of Reference (ToR) and 4 applications for environmental clearance for SEZ projects from Gujarat, out of which, ToRs were issued to all the 7 projects and environmental clearances were granted to 2 projects, 1 project was closed due to non-submission of information and 1 project is awaiting clarifications pertaining to Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ).

(b) The Environmental Impact Assessment Notification of September 2006 stipulates a time limit of 60 days for conveying the Terms of Reference to the applicant on receipt of application with all necessary documents. Further, a time limit of 105 days, after of the receipt of the complete application with all necessary documents, has been provided for environmental appraisal of the projects and conveying the decision.

Global warming

1870. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment on the impact of global warming in the country as being forecasted by various experts and world bodies including the United Nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's response in this regard;

(c) the strategy being finalized for combating the ill effects of the climate change; and

(d) the reasons for delay in responding to the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) As a part of the India's Initial National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), studies in regard to the impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change in the Indian context have been made. These studies project future climate scenarios and likely adverse impacts in various sectors such as water resources, agriculture, forests, natural eco-systems, coastal zones, health energy and infrastructure. With a view to enhance and improve our understanding of climate change the Ministry of Environment is currently engaged in the preparation of India's Second National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. A network of 127 institutions has been engaged countrywide belonging to Universities, Research and Development Institutions, autonomous institutions of the government, Non governmental organization and private institutions for studies on various aspects of climate change. These include greenhouse gas emissions of anthropogenic origin from sectors such as Energy, Industry, Agriculture, Forestry and Waste, Assessment and impact of projected climate change on key sectors such as Agriculture, Water, Natural ecosystems, Health, Extreme climate events, etc.

(c) and (d) Government has outlined its strategy for addressing climate change in the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) that was released by the Prime Minister on 30th June 2008. The National Action Plan outlines steps that will enable the country to adapt to climate change and enhance the ecological sustainability of India's development path.

Eight National Missions form the core of the National Action Plan, representing multi-pronged, long term and integrated strategies for achieving key goals in the context of climate change and its challenges.

Coastal environment regulatory framework

1871. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing coastal environment regulatory framework;

(b) whether Government proposes to implement a new coastal environmental regulatory framework;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the proposed framework; and

(e) by when the new framework would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) For the purpose of conserving and protecting the coastal environment, the Government had issued the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification on 19.2.1991.